

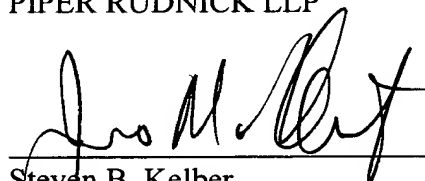
REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 15 and 16. Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 15, and Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 21. All currently pending claims depend from either Claim 14 or Claim 21 and hence include the allowable subject matter of either Claim 15 or Claim 16. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection in light of the amendments is respectfully requested.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' counsel, James M. Heintz at (202) 861-4167.

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